स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1993 में सामाजिक सुरक्षा नेट योजना के अन्तर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश के 32 जिलों, मध्य प्रदेश व राजस्थान के 23-23 जिलों, बिहार के 5 जिलों, पश्चिम बंगाल और गुजरात के 2-2 जिलों तथा हरियाणा, केरल व उड़ीसा के 1-1 जिलों को कवर करते हुए 90 जनांकिकीय तौर पर कम निष्पादन वाले जिलों में प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र स्तर पर सुविधा सर्वेक्षण किया गया था।

सर्वेक्षण किए गए 3405 प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में से केवल 15% में प्रसव कक्ष और 13% ऑपरेशन थिएटर थे। केवल 18% प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों द्वारा प्रसवें करवाने की सूचना मिली है और 19% प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में कोई चिकित्सा अधिकारी नहीं था।

(ग) कुल मिलाकर ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में अपर्याप्त चिकित्सा सुविधाओं का मुख्य कारण प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या स्कीमों का कम वित्त पोषण था जिसके परिणामस्वरूप आधारभूत ढांचे की कमी ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कार्य के लिए चिकित्सा व परा-चिकित्सा स्टाफ की अनिच्छा और औषधों व उपस्करों की कमी है।

(घ) राज्य का विषय होने के कारण केन्द्रीय सरकार ने राज्यों को कहा कि वे देखें कि औषधों, उपस्करों तथा अनिवार्य रखरखाव के लिए पर्याप्त निधियां आबंटित की जाएं। राज्य को समय-समय पर सलाह दी जाती है कि चिकित्सा व परा-चिकित्सा स्टाफ की मौजूदा रिक्तियों को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर भरा जाए। उपर्युक्त के अतिरिक्त विभिन्न बाह्य सहायता प्राप्त परियोजनाओं के अन्तर्गत देश में स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या सेवाओं को सुदृढ़ किया जा रहा है।

Exhorbitant Charges of Private Nursing Homes in Delhi

976. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private nursing homes functioning in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that private nursing homes are charging exhorbitant charges from patients and if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent incident of Dewan Nursing Home, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi which charged Rs. 2200/- from the father of a child for three stitches on the chin, which appeared in "Pioneer" dated the 25th June, 1997; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the said Nursing Home?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have reported that 596 private Nursing Homes are functioning in Delhi.

(b) There is no provision of fixing rates for various services rendered by private Nursing Homes in Delhi under Delhi Nursing Home Registration Act, 1953. However, the registered Nursing Homes in Delhi are required to display the schedule of charges.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. However, as per the investigation conducted by the Government of NCT of Delhi, the Dewan Nursing Home had raised a bill of Rs. 650/- which was further reduced to Rs. 300/- only. This amount is yet to be paid to the Nursing Home.

World Bank Aided Health Projects in Tamil Nadu

977. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has taken up health projects with the assistance of World Bank; and

(b) the extent to which each of the said projects has been successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per information available with the Government a World Bank assisted India Population Project was taken up in

Madras City and 23 other towns of Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs. 89.13 crores for a period of 7 years w.e.f. 9th September, 1988 with a view to improving the health and family welfare status of the urban slum population. The Project was successful in improving the access and quality of service delivery by setting up well equipped health posts and referral facilities in urban areas. The Project succeded in bringing down the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) to 22.7 per thousand live births in project area as compared to IMR rate of 43 among the overall urban slum population of the State.

Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme which is also being funded by the World Bank the National components cover all the districts of the country. In addition, two sub-projects, one in Madurai (rural) and the other in Madurai (urban) are proposed to be taken up with IDA assistance during the 9th Plan period.

Central Funds for health Centres in the Scheduled Tribe Areas of Tamil Nadu

978. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had provided Central funds for the establishment of primary health centres, sub-centres and community health centres in Scheduled Tribe areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of centres established district-wise and year-wise; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres are established and maintained by the State Governments under the Minimum Needs Programme. During 1996-97, additional central assistance to the tune of Rs. 82.36 crore has been provided to the State of Tamil Nadu (including its tribal areas) under Basic Minimum Services under which Primary Health Care at Sub-centre level is identified as one of the Priority items.

(b) and (c) As per the information available, there are 2 Community Health Centres, 15 Primary Health Centres and III Sub-centres functioning in the tribal areas of Tamil Nadu. However, the Centre does not maintain the year-wise and district-wise details.

Printing the Names of Springs on Mineral Water Bottles

979. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many companies are selling mineral water in the Indian market;

(b) if so, their names;

(c) which springs do these companies tap;

(d) whether Government have any check on the authenticity of their claims;

(e) whether Government require all such bottles to print on their label the name of the spring from which they draw this water; and

(f) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards would be involved in this exercise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The names of some of the brands of mineral water available in the market are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) As natural mineral water is obtained from potable natural or drilled sources like spring, artesian well, drilled well or from an underground formation, the name of the spring is not required to be declared by the manufacturers.

(f) The Bureau of Indian Standards has already formulated specifications for mineral water.